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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady in the West, but barely steady to weak elsewhere. Retail and food service demand was mostly slow to light, instances moderate for fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were fully adequate to readily available for trade needs. Floor stocks were reported in a range of balanced to long. In the parts structure, demand was light to fair at best with trading limited to immediate needs. Supplies of all parts were at least adequate to ample and frequently discounted to help move additional product. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy weights.

**GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .50 cents to **80.50** cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 70.00 cents last year on October 4, 2006.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading:

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	181.50
BREASTS - B/S	155.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	95.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	111.50
LEG QUARTERS	45.50
WINGS	125.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was overall no better than steady and unsettled. Retail and food service demand was slow to fair, best into fast food channels where promotions were active. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient with attractive prices available. In the parts structure, movement was slow and unaggressive for midweek trading. Dark meat was adequate to readily available, and all other items were at least adequate to ample and heavily discounted to help clear. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair at best with most dealers' cautious and kept floor stocks in close balance with immediate needs. Offerings of all sizes were fully adequate to available and competitively priced for the light and unaggressive buyer interest. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items, tenders and wings were readily available and slow to clear. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate to fully adequate for current needs.

**MIDWEST REGION** Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Offerings were fully adequate, although in better balance than previous trade period. Trade interest remained cautious and light. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate; instances of moderate to fairly good trade on eight-piece cut-up into family style restaurants and into a few fast food promotions. Floor stocks were in balance to ample; weights desirable to heavy. Parts supplies were more than sufficient for current trade needs. The parts market tone was barely steady to weak on all items.

**WESTERN REGION** The trade sentiment on whole birds was steady to barely steady on regular commitments barely steady to weak on spot. Offerings were ample for needs at sharp discounts. Retail and distributive demand was generally fair with many anticipating improved interest throughout the week for first of the month business. Floor stocks were closely balanced; sizes desirable to light. Supplies of breasts were ample and adequate to available on the remainder of parts. The market tone was weak on breast cuts, barely steady to weak on dark meat items, and steady to barely steady on the balance.

## BROILER -TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 29, 2007. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 29, 2007. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through September 29, 2007 were 6.89 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 09/29/07	2007	2006	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	207,377	203,118	+02
CHICKS PLACED	172,134	167,530	+03

Source: NASS, USDA

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 10-Nov-07 is estimated at 160.4 million head. This compares to 162.5 million head the previous week and to 159.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 168.3 million head and the composite weighted average price was 65.51 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	142	47.00-62.00	52-53	53.36
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	520	37.00-45.00	39-40	39.23
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	802	39.00-48.00	41-43	41.57
WINGS (WHOLE)	241	95.00-125.00	-	103.11
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	183	47.00-64.00	52-53	53.64
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	560	35.00-43.00	39	39.11
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	733	39.00-48.00	41-42	41.43
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	89.00-126.00	-	101.80
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
43.50 - 55.50	47.28	42.50 - 54.50	47.02	48.70

The index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** - Trucklot buying interest was mostly light to fair at best as most dealers saw no need to extend floor stocks beyond normal commitments. Supplies of breast items, tenders and wings were readily available and competitively priced to stimulate additional buyer interest. Drums and thighs were in better balance but still noted as at least adequate to fully adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was weak for breast items, tenders and wings; no better than steady to barely steady for the balance of items.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

OCT 02	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	138.68	681,324
TENDERLOINS	120-125	129.79	149,330
BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	89.85	148,920
BREAST - LINE RUN	77	79.11	97,200
LEGS	59-60	61.43	140,640
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	43-44	45.34	275,995
DRUMSTICKS	58-59	63.26	109,785
THIGHS	49-50	57.69	96,871
B/S THIGHS	110-111	113.86	88,180
WINGS (WHOLE)	123-124	127.87	139,905
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.82	42,800
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.76	10,320
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.62	35,040

OCT 03	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	137.48	392,265
TENDERLOINS	120	128.01	76,960
BREAST - WITH RIBS	75-76	89.80	50,080
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	76.11	102,600
LEGS	59-60	64.48	99,760
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	43-44	45.69	163,920
DRUMSTICKS	58-59	65.44	78,480
THIGHS	49-50	57.55	77,510
B/S THIGHS	110-111	112.74	41,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	121-122	128.20	128,680
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.83	26,320
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.57	4,720
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.86	20,880

INCLUDES NY CITY METRO. AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, & PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
	10/03	10/02	10/01	09/28	10/01
Alabama	4,205	4,154	4,054	4,427	5.67
Arkansas	5,428	5,412	5,142	4,935	5.55
Delmarva	2,301	2,248	2,229	2,251	5.91
KY-LA-TN	2,466	2,483	2,472	2,310	5.23
Mississippi	3,014	3,139	3,058	3,803	5.64
North Carolina	2,936	2,925	2,869	3,263	7.03
Texas	2,516	2,510	2,554	2,607	5.49
Total	22,866	22,871	22,378	23,596	5.77
Mon-Wed	68,532 (A)				5.57
					68,224 (A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 03-Oct-07 is estimated to be 34,210,000 head down 0.19 percent from a week ago and up 3.92 percent from a year ago. (Last week 34,275,000, last year 32,918,000)

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

##### PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	92-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	109-118
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	70-79

DUCKS  
RABBITS-WHOLE  
RABBITS-CUT UP

##### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 126
	DRY PACK 130
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 145
	DRY PACK 125
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 109
	DRY PACK 124
DUCKS	199-204

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR W/E 06-Oct-07

	CURRENT WEEK 10/06/07 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 09/29/07
Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	171,787 (2)	175,410
Light hens	1,107	1,115
Heavy hens	1,539	1,546
Total	174,433	178,071

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 06-Oct-07 is 167.4 million head compared to 171.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 172.1 million head or 4.7 million more than estimated available. For the week of 13-Oct-07 the estimated available is 167.0 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS** - Selected Centers

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

**PROCESSED TURKEY** **PROCESSED OTHER POULTRY**

	LBS	LBS
AM 10/01/07	107,745	66,944
AM 09/01/07	113,808	80,111
CHG	-6,063	-13,167
PCT CHG	-5%	-16%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of August 31, 2007 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on October 1, 2007 are:

Processed Turkeys	487	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	516	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED OTHER POULTRY		
	10/01/07	09/24/07	10/02/06	10/01/07	09/24/07	10/02/06
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	3,662	3,700	715	5,604	9,653	11,347
<b>LOS</b>						
<b>ANGELES</b>	202	217	287	935	903	2,672

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, CENTS PER POUND FOR THE WEEK OF OCT 01, 2007

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	73-81
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	75-93

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES** **FOR 10-02-07**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.80	1.65	1.19	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.75	3.75	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	2.30	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.00	1.65	1.30	RABBITS ea.	-	2.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.50	6.25	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	205						

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending Sept 28, 2007

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs &Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	65.21	161.99	78.92	16.61	8.31	75.60
High	76.01	178.61	95.53	20.77	12.46	75.60
Mostly	76.01	166.15	95.53	20.77	8.31	75.60

**SAN JUAN**

Low	64.38	161.99	83.07	20.77	8.31	76.84
High	75.60	174.45	95.53	24.92	16.61	76.84
Mostly	75.60	170.30	87.23	20.77	12.46	76.84

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	66.46	166.15	91.38	20.77	8.31	77.67
High	76.84	178.61	103.84	24.92	12.46	77.67
Mostly	76.84	174.45	95.53	24.92	12.46	77.67

**BECERRA**

Low	68.54	166.15	87.23	20.77	8.31	77.26
High	77.26	182.76	108.00	29.08	16.61	77.26
Mostly	77.26	178.61	99.69	24.92	12.46	77.26

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds ranged light to fair for midweek business. Offerings were fully adequate to available and competitively priced. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were noted as moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 69 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was unsettled and ranged barely steady to weak. B/S breast items and tenders were in heaviest supply and discounted to stimulate additional buyer interest. Most dark meat cuts were at least sufficient to available and wings were slow to clear.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED
	U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	53-86
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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